

Honorable Henry Autrey
United States District Court for Eastern Missouri
111 South Tenth Street
St. Louis, MO 63102

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Re: David Maas

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Dear Judge Autrey:

My name is Thomas Venegoni, and I am a Police Officer for the City of Maryland Heights. I am writing on behalf of David Maas to provide a character reference for your consideration during the punitive phase of his case.

Dave and I met when we both worked for the City of St. John. He was a young patrolman, and I was a young Sergeant. Dave was eager to learn, and he did his job exceptionally well for having rookie status. His work ethic was a direct result of his passion to protect and serve the citizens of the community.

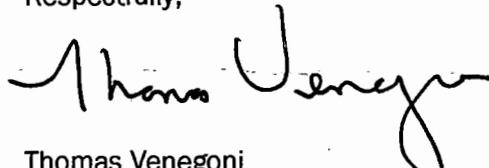
I left the City of St. John, which led to a 29-year career with the Maryland Heights PD. Dave and I stayed connected over the years. We worked together on charity events, and I would ask Dave to assist me when I conducted training classes at the St. Louis County Police Academy. Dave is a good family man, and I know firsthand that he has a close relationship with his sons Nathan and Zachary. His sons look up to him for guidance and inspiration. Nathan is a successful businessman in Texas, and Zachary followed his father's footsteps and became a police officer.

A policeman's job can be very stressful. It's nearly impossible to express to the average citizen what goes on inside the mind and body when faced with a violent and hostile situation.

I ask that you consider this and find it in your heart to issue Dave probation when deciding the punitive phase of this case.

I can say with complete sincerity that Dave Maas is a good person, citizen, father and now grandfather.

Respectfully,



Thomas Venegoni
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